# North Rim Ranger Programs

The National Park Service encourages you to participate in these free programs during your visit. Rangers recommend wearing a hat and sunglasses and bringing water to all daytime programs due to the high elevation and arid conditions. Please check times and frequencies carefully to ensure that you participate in the programs that interest you. All times are Mountain Standard Time. We hope that learning more about Grand Canyon National Park and its resources will lead to a greater appreciation of your national park.

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Activity	Location	Dates given	Time	Duration	Frequency	
Nature Walk 📝						
Learn about the natural processes that sustain ponderosa pine and aspen forests. Start your morning with a relaxed 1.5-mile/ $2.4\mathrm{km}$ walk with some elevation gain and loss.	North Rim Visitor Center	May 29– October 15	8:00 a.m.	60 minutes	Daily	
Flashback - A Glimpse of History 🗾 🕭						
Step back in time with a ranger as he or she introduces you to a remnant of North Rim history.	<b>Grand Canyon Lodge</b> Sun Room	Check at the visitor center	10:30 a.m.	15–20 minutes	Check at the visitor center	
Way Cool Canyon ᠓ 🗷 🖶						
A ranger presents activities, games, and stories that hone your senses and open your eyes to the environment of the North Rim. Check out a Discovery Pack after the program so the whole family can explore on their own.	North Rim Campground amphitheater	June 12 – August 29	1:00 p.m.	45 minutes	Daily	
Into the Past 🗾 🗟						
How did the people at Grand Canyon survive hundreds and even thousands of years ago? Discover the powerful ties between people and place. Ask a ranger about a nearby excavated ancestral Puebloan site.	Walhalla Overlook parking lot (45 minutes from Bright Angel Point)	Check at the visitor center	1:00 p.m.	30 – 40 minutes	Check at the visitor center for dates	
What's Rockin'? – Grand Canyon Geology 🗷 🗟						
Why is Grand Canyon here and not in your backyard? Enjoy a $\frac{1}{2}$ -hour talk with a ranger and then test your new skills with a short, optional stroll to Bright Angel Point. Bright Angel Point is not easily accessible to visitors in wheelchairs.	<b>Grand Canyon Lodge</b> fireplace on back porch	May 15 – October 15	3:00 p.m.	30–40 minutes	Daily	
Condor Talk 🕅 🗷 🗟						
What has a 9-foot/2.7 m wingspan and a face only a mother could love? The California condor. Come discover the life and death story, and the science that saved this incredible bird.	<b>Grand Canyon Lodge</b> fireplace on back porch	May 15 – October 15	5:00 p.m.	30–40 minutes	Daily	
Campfire Program 🔝 🗾 🕓						
Programs cover some aspect of the Grand Canyon story. Topics are posted in the campground, lodge, and visitor center.	North Rim Campground amphitheater	May 28 – September 25	7:00 p.m.	35 – 45 minutes	Daily	
Evening Program						
A variety of programs explore the scenic, scientific, and cultural aspects of this special landscape. Nightly topics are posted in the lodge, visitor center, and campground. Arrive 15 minutes early for an "Ask the Ranger" discussion.	<b>Grand Canyon Lodge</b> auditorium	May 15 – October 15	8:00 p.m.	35–45 minutes	Daily	
Additional Programs						
As time and staffing permits, additional programs may be presented including talks on local history or culture, nature, geology, photography, or an evening stroll.		May 15 – October 15	Check at the visitor center for dates and times of special programs			

#### Children must be accompanied by an adult on all programs.

These family-oriented programs are ideal for meeting the ranger program requirement for the Grand Canyon's Junior Ranger award. Any ranger program, however, will meet the requirement on page 2 of the Junior Ranger Activity Booklet.



All outdoor programs may be canceled during rain, snow, or lightning storms.

These programs are wheelchair accessible with assistance. Wheelchairs may be checked out at the visitor center free of charge.

# Special Programs



## North Rim Star Party: June 6–12

Explore the night sky with Phoenix Saguaro Astronomy Club volunteers. Enjoy a slide presentation and then view the night sky through their telescopes. Dress warmly. Check at the visitor center or program flyers for slide show presentation times. Telescope viewing continues into the night. Please observe the "low light" restrictions for better viewing of the night sky. Watch for special daytime viewings of the sun through a filtered telescope.

### **Artist-in-Residence Program**

The wonder and majesty of the national parks have been preserved and celebrated in many ways—through photography, music, painting, sculpture, performance, and the written word. Artists frame our heritage for those who visit now, those who will come in the future, and those who will know the park only through this artistic legacy.



This mutually beneficial relationship continues, with all genres of artists participating in the Artist-in-Residence Program. Grand Canyon hosts a seasonal program on the North Rim and a year-round program on the South Rim. Artists participating on the North Rim this year: Fiber artist Terry Kramzar, May 20–June 9 Scientific illustrator Dr. Patricia Latas, July 11–August 1 Pastel artist Paul Murray, August 14–September 4 Weaver Lyn Hart, September 4–24 Painter Karen Ahlgren, September 25–October 16

The artists present free public programs during their residencies. Ask at the visitor center for program dates and times. For more information on the Artist-

in-Residence program visit www.nps.gov/grca/supportyourpark/air.htm.



### **Interagency Annual Pass**

If you are a frequent visitor to National Park Service or other federal agency sites that charge entrance fees, you may be interested in the *America the Beautiful - National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass.* The \$80.00 pass is valid for one year from the time of first use. Five federal agencies—National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and U.S. Forest Service—participate in the pass.

The program also offers a lifetime senior pass (\$10.00) for U.S. citizens 62 or over and a free access pass for citizens with permanent disabilities. Those who already have a Golden Age or Golden Access pass do not need to obtain the new passes.

The interagency pass may be purchased at park entrance stations, Grand Canyon Association bookstores, or online at www.recreation.gov. Your Grand Canyon entrance fee may be applied toward the purchase of the pass.

### **Special Events**

Please inquire at the visitor center for a complete list of event activities, as well as the times and locations.

#### Western Arts Day: July 10

Western Arts Day celebrates the western culture which helps define what Grand Canyon, northern Arizona, and southern Utah are today, focusing on music and poetry. Programmed activities take place in various locations throughout the North Rim developed area.

## Native American Heritage Days: August 12–13

The seventeenth annual Native American Heritage Days will honor Grand Canyon's original inhabitants and others who have contributed to its colorful history on Thursday and Friday, August 12 and 13.

Heritage Days began in 1994 with individuals from the Kaibab Band of the Paiutes, the last native group to occupy, on a seasonal basis, the North Rim area. The event has grown over the years to include a variety of presenters from local tribes.

### Symphony of the Canyon: August 15



Symphony of the canyon presents a musical interpretation of Grand Canyon. This fifteen-year tradition brings southern Utah and northern Arizona musicians from pre-teen to more than 70 years old together sharing their talents. For information regarding this event, contact Forever Resorts at the Grand Canyon Lodge (928) 638-2611.

### Would you like to be a Junior Ranger?

Grand Canyon National Park offers a Junior Ranger program for children ages 4 and up. To take part in the program, pick up a *Junior Ranger* booklet at the North Rim Visitor Center and complete the activities listed for the appropriate age level.

Once completed (don't forget that attendance at one or more ranger programs is mandatory) bring the booklet back to the visitor center to receive an official *Junior Ranger* certificate and badge.

